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DEMAND FOR OILSEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the demand for oilseeds during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether imports were made during that period to meet the demand;

(c) if so, the details thereof, country-wise and year-wise and amount spent thereon; and

(d) the target fixed for the production of oilseeds for 2008 and the steps being taken to achieve the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Based on Behavioristic Approach, the demand for oilseeds in the country was 40.37 million tonnes during 2004-05, 42.31 million tonnes during 2005-06 and 44.34 million tonnes during 2006-07. The State-wise details of demand are not available.

(b) & (c): The demand - supply gap in oilseeds is met through the import of edible oils. Table below gives the year-wise and country-wise import of edible oils alongwith amount spent (value) thereon for the years 2004-05 to 2006-07:

Quantity (`000 Tonnes), Value (Rs. Crore)

Country	2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Argentina	771.73	2083.15	1180.28	2770.54	1106.91	2837.85
Brazil	281.19	750.77	350.24	829.08	126.71	325.10
Indonesia	2705.24	6012.21	2131.2	4065.5	2305.57	4710.98
Malaysia	898.37	1960.67	389.69	722.39	481.07	976.31
Nepal	4.11	10.58	2.38	5.11	3.42	7.89
Singapore	2.32	7.17	0.15	0.61	0.12	0.59
South Africa	2.50	7.86	NA	NA	NA	NA
Sri Lanka	6.06	15.16	6.85	14.54	7.12	15.63
Thailand	3.74	10.87	1.5	2.7	43.9	89.63
UAE	56.23	145.08	81.52	194.03	12.94	32.14
USA	12.53	58.20	26.33	97.88	13.54	56.62

Total 4751.19 11076.89 4288.10 8960.99 4216.86 9416.27

NA = Not applicable.

(d): A target of 318.00 lakh tonnes is proposed for oilseeds production in the country during 2008-09.To increase the production of oilseeds and make the country self-sufficient,the Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored `Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds,Pulses,Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM)` in 14 major oilseeds growing States in the country.Under the Scheme, financial assistance is provided for purchase of breeder seeds, production of foundation and certified seeds, distribution of seed minikits, distribution of plant protection chemicals and equipments,weedicides,distribution of sprinkler sets, water carrying pipes and training to encourage farmers to grow these crops.